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**PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS STUDY****HIDDEN BEACH AND ACCESS TRAIL(S), RIO DEL MAR  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

Dear Coastal Visitor or Resident:

The State of California is investigating public uses made of the beach and swale in the area known as Hidden Beach in the Rio Del Mar area of Santa Cruz County. The land owners are conferring with Santa Cruz County as to the development potential of this site. This State investigation is for the purpose of determining whether any public rights exist on the site by reason of past public use.

Enclosed is a Questionnaire and a Fact Sheet briefly describing the framework and purpose of a Prescriptive Rights Study. Attached to the questionnaire are graphics showing the beach and the surrounding area. If you have any knowledge about public use of this area, we would greatly appreciate it if you would take a few moments to fill out and return the enclosed Questionnaire and Declaration. A return-addressed envelope is provided for your convenience. If you are downloading this electronically, please sign and mail the original to the undersigned at the above address.

We recognize that the Questionnaire, with its accompanying maps, may appear at first glance to be somewhat complicated. However, furnishing the requested information is critical to the determination of whether there has been sufficient use of the area to establish public rights of use.

Please direct any questions or additional comments to Joy Chase at 831-427-4865 or email [jchase@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:jchase@coastal.ca.gov). Thank you for taking the time to participate in this study.

Very truly yours,

Joy Chase  
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Enclosures

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PUBLIC USE QUESTIONNAIRE AND DECLARATION  
PRESCRIPTIVE RIGHTS STUDY  
HIDDEN BEACH AND ACCESS TRAILS, RIO DEL MAR, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

The State of California is investigating uses made of the beach and shoreline access trails in the swale in the area known as Hidden Beach in Rio Del Mar for purposes of determining whether any rights of shoreline public access exist therein by reason of public use. Your answers to this Questionnaire and Declaration will be greatly appreciated. Please direct any questions to Joy Chase at the above postal and email addresses and telephone number. Please return the signed Questionnaire to the above address.

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Office): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you personally and openly used any of the area shown on the attached photograph, map or diagram? \_\_\_\_ If so, since what date? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please mark the areas of your use on the enclosed photograph, map or diagram and date and sign the same. In marking the photograph, map or diagram, please try to pinpoint the locations and indicate the types of use and approximate dates.
3. Please describe the uses you have made of this area (for example: surfing, boating, fishing, swimming, hiking, picnicking, parking, skin diving, access to water or beach, etc.

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4. Approximately how many times have you used this area? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did you ever ask for and receive permission to use the area.? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Did anyone ever interfere in any way with your use? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you observed others using this area? \_\_\_\_\_

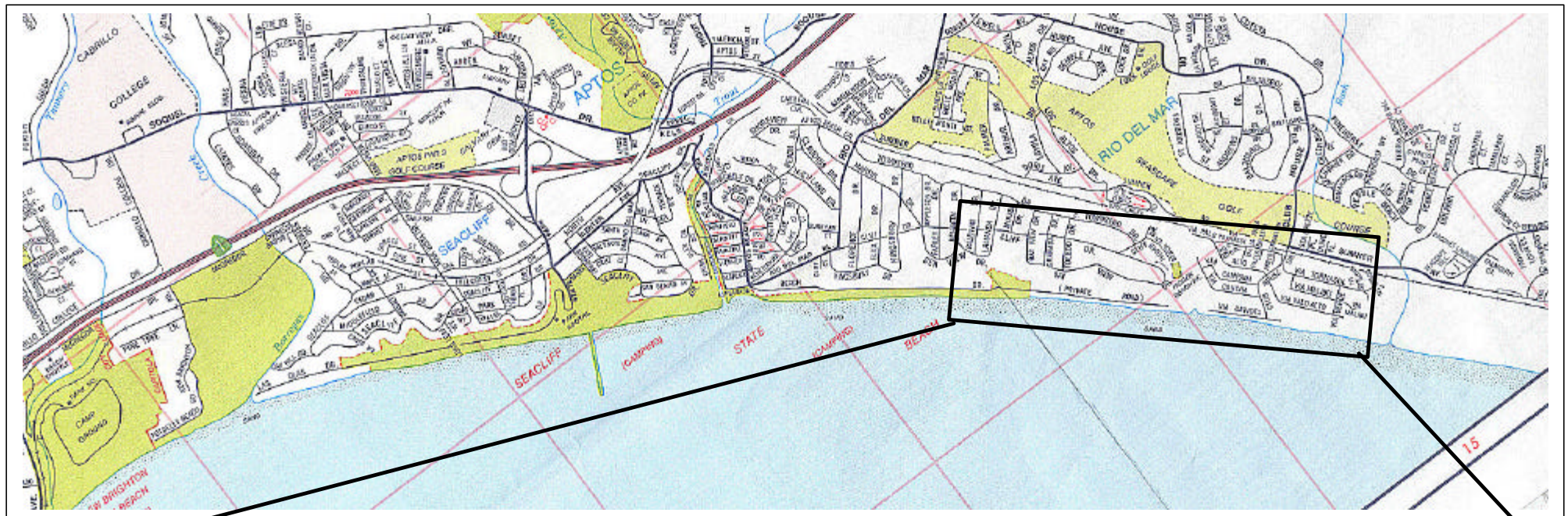
If so, for what purposes? \_\_\_\_\_

I have seen such member of the general public: Whenever I was there: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Frequently: \_\_\_\_\_



California Coastal Commission Prescriptive Rights Study Public Use Questionnaire and Declaration  
HIDDEN BEACH AND ACCESS TRAIL(S), RIO DEL MAR, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
REGIONAL LOCATION MAP EXHIBIT 1





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AERIAL PHOTOMAP EXHIBIT 2

**PLEASE MARK YOUR AREAS OF USE ON THIS MAP.**



Have you personally and openly used any of the beach within the black dotted area outlined above. Please mark all areas of the beach that you have used. Also mark your access trails to the beach. Try to pinpoint the locations and indicate the date and types of use (sunbathing, surfing, walking, swimming, picnicking, nature study, etc.) and approximate dates of use. Identify where you parked. If you have parked outside the photomap, please describe where (e.g., Seacliff State Beach, residential streets, etc.). Sign and date below.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

7.(contd) Occasionally: \_\_\_\_\_ Rarely: \_\_\_\_\_ Never

On these occasions, usually there were approximately \_\_\_\_\_ people present on any one occasion (Indicate number or range.)

8. Do you know the names of the other people who have used this area? If so, please list them with their addresses and telephone numbers, if known.

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9. Do you possess or know of the existence and/or whereabouts of items such as photographs, logs, diaries, notebooks, letters, etc. relating to your use of the area or the uses of other people? Is so, please describe the items and list the name of parties or locations where such items can be found.

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10. Did you make use of this area as you would public property? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain.

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11. Have you ever observed any no trespassing signs or equivalent signs, or signs giving permission to utilize the property? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when and where?

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12. Have you ever lived or worked in this vicinity? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when and where?

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I declare under penalty of perjury that any answers to the foregoing Questionnaire and Declaration are true and correct to the best of my recollection.

Dated at: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
City and State Date

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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***The information contained in this questionnaire is subject to public disclosure and will not be kept confidential unless requested by the signatory in writing.***